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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

WILLIAM V. GOODHUE ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 09/877,036

Group Art Unit 3723

Filed: June 11, 2001

J. Smith, Examiner

SCREW GUN

Alexandria, Virginia  
February 19, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 31, 2001, applicants elect to prosecute in the present application the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-31 and 68, drawn to a screw gun device. However, applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected subject matter of Group II, i.e., claims 32-58, drawn to fastener cartridge, and Group III, i.e., claims 59-68, drawn to a method of making a tool, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed  
July 11, 2002.

The Office action states that the proposed reply  
filed on July 2, 2002 has not been entered because it is  
unsigned. The Office action gives applicant one month to  
submit a signed copy of the proposed reply filed on July 2,  
2002.

As background, applicant filed a Response to the  
January 31, 2002 Office action on February 19, 2002. In  
checking the status of this Response, applicant determined  
that it had not been entered in the Patent Office records,  
presumably it was lost between the mail room and the Group.  
Accordingly, applicant's undersigned attorney called the  
Examiner, Mr. Smith, and inquired with respect to the best  
manner of proceeding. Based on this discussion, applicant

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sent by facsimile to the Examiner a copy of the February 19, 2002 Response with applicant's postcard showing that it was in fact received in the Patent Office on February 19, 2002. The Response sent by facsimile on July 2, 2002 was applicant's file copy which was not signed. The paper submitted on February 19, 2002 was signed.

Notwithstanding the above and in accordance with the Office action mailed July 11, 2002, attached hereto is a further copy of the February 19, 2002 Response newly signed by the undersigned.

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Attachment - 02/19/02 Response